

I have read some things that concern me about Medicaid privatization and how it will affect my clients. I have seen no evidence that it will save Iowans money as Medicaid costs have been stable compared to private insurance costs. We have no idea how this will affect those with disabilities, pregnant women, children, the elderly and the possible negative impacts seem to far outweigh the benefits to the state. I've been a case worker for people with disabilities at Lutheran Services in Iowa for 12 years. These people are vulnerable because they can't always speak out for themselves so I feel I need to advocate for them and demand to know if thought has been put into how this will impact these citizens. I am frustrated that Governor Branstad seems to put our most vulnerable citizens such as children, people with disabilities and the elderly as a low priority. What will this cost is in the future if we don't make sure we take care of their needs? Are we going to save any money if we create more problems down the road. I try not to get angry when I think about these decisions that are being made without any input from these citizens, families and care givers. We are the people who are supposed to be represented by our governor and legislature, not private corporations.

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